

## **REMARKS**

### **Summary**

Claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-15, 18-20, 22-25, 43-45, 48, and 50-52 are pending. Claims 17, 26-42, and 53-60 are cancelled without prejudice.

Amendments are being offered for claims 1, 18, 19, and 43 as set forth above. No new matter will be added by the offered amendments.

### **Allowable Claims**

Applicants thank the examiner for the indication that the pending claims would be allowable if rewritten to address the 35 USC 112 issues.

### **Rejections Under 35 USC 112**

Claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-15, 17-20, 22-25, 43-45, and 48-52 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicants assert that the claims were clear and definite as previously presented; however, to expedite prosecution, Applicants offer to amend claims 1 and 43 as set forth above to overcome the concerns raised in the Office Action. The offered amendments do not necessitate new searches, and do not introduce new matters. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request their entry and allowance of the claims.

In addition, claims 18 and 19 have been amended to change their dependency to address the cancellation of claim 17.

**Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that, on entry of the offered amendments, claims 1-4, 7-10, 13-15, 18-20, 22-25, 43-45, 48, and 50-52 are in condition for allowance. Early issuance of the Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 500393.

Respectfully submitted,  
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